

**CITY OF HORSESHOE BAY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

August 28, 2012

The City Council of the City of Horseshoe Bay held a Public Meeting at City Hall, August 28, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with duly posted notice of said meeting with the following members present:

Robert W. Lambert, Mayor  
Jeff Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem  
Phillip Lee, Councilman  
Fred Owen, Councilman  
Dick Rantzow, Councilman  
Tom Schmersahl, Councilman

The posted agenda for this meeting is made a part of these minutes by attachment and the minutes are herewith recorded in the order the agenda items were considered with the agenda subject and item number shown preceding the applicable paragraph.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum: Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present.
8. Contract for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service – For Discussion Only: Mayor Lambert moved this item up on the agenda in order to accommodate representatives attending the meeting. City Manager Stan Farmer explained that City staff summarized the findings and provided these to the Council in their packet. There was no difference in the references gathered by staff. The bid for the cost to the City for residential pickup from Allied Waste was \$13.60 and from Progressive was \$11.75. However, Progressive was slightly higher for commercial pickup than Allied. Councilman Owen expressed concern regarding the weight of the trucks and the effect they would have on the new streets. Mayor Lambert said this item is on the agenda for the regular Council meeting today at 3:00 for possible action.
- 3.5 Budget Workshop, Benefits Survey and Medical Insurance: Mr. Farmer said that the City recently sent out Requests for Proposals for a Benefits Consultant and selected Frost (Bank) Insurance. Mr. Lee Cameron with Frost provided renewal quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield of 1.1% increase for the City's current B12a plan and 0% increase for their RM02 plan which would have a slight cost increase to the insured for out-of-pocket and co-pay on prescriptions. Councilman Rantzow requested staff research benefit cost for other government entities in the area. After further discussion, Mayor Lambert said this item is also on the agenda for this afternoon's meeting for possible action.
2. Michael Widler – Chairman, HSB Park Committee: Mayor Lambert said Mr. Widler was ill and City Manager Stan Farmer would give the update. Mr. Farmer told the Council that he

had consulted with an ADA specialist regarding the park. He told the Council that the \$15,000 budget amendment allowed construction of handicap parking and ramp as well as upgrading the restrooms to ADA standards in this fiscal year. He added that a handicapped picnic table, tetherball as well a path from the gate to the playground and restrooms is planned and next year's budget includes \$15,000 for these improvements. The Council also discussed the possible gift of the nature trail from Eileen Hurd and the scope of that project.

3. Budget Workshop: Mayor Lambert said this is a balanced budget at the existing tax rate. The only changes from the proposed budget were to increase the line item for tree removal to \$50,000 and increase the line item for deer management to \$60,000. Utilities Director Jeff Koska said there was no increase in the utility rates except to the upper tier of 50,000-100,000 gallons, which he hoped, would encourage conservation and an increase in sewer tap fees in order to cover actual costs. The Council discussed the need to treat for mosquitos in areas of the City where ponds or creeks have stagnant water.
4. Estimated Cost of Dead Oak Tree and Cedar Removal in HSB West: City Manager Stan Farmer projected the cost by surveying 25 streets in HSB West where tree removal has not taken place in order to estimate future cost. There were 598 total trees including 280 cedars and 318 dead trees. He projected \$51 per tree for removal.
5. Street Improvement Plan: The Council discussed the possibility of taking ownership of Ferguson Road once the new plant is complete. This item will be discussed further at a future meeting.
6. Reduction in Scope of Paving in HSB South: Due to the lack of traffic and because they are used primarily for parking, City Manager Stan Farmer suggested that instead of the full reclamation and placement of HMAC on the short "Court" streets leading to property that the scope be changed to use chip seal. There are five or six that need immediate attention and the Council requested that City Manager Stan Farmer contact Burnet County and see if this can be done on this year's chip seal program. Councilman Owen made the motion to reduce the scope as discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rantzow. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
- 3.6 Budget Workshop, Meeting Schedule: After discussion regarding the need of the September 4, 2012 Budget meeting, Councilman Owen made the motion to cancel that meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robinson. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
7. General Fund Budget Amendment for a Line Item Transfer from Contingency to each of the following Line Items:
  - a. Police Department Capital – Purchase of Two (2) Vehicles Not to exceed \$43,450
  - b. Police Department New Vehicle Make Ready – New Vehicle Equipment Purchases Not to Exceed \$9,000
  - c. Police Department Office Supplies – Purchase of Two (2) Computers Not to Exceed \$2,750
  - d. Administration Department Office Supplies – Replacement of Six (6) Computers Not to Exceed \$9,500
  - e. Administration Department Capital – Martin Park Renovations Not to Exceed \$15,000

8. Code of Ethics Policy – For Discussion Only: City Manager Stan Farmer told the Council he had reviewed seven or more cities ethics policies and they ranged from three pages to over 20 pages. After discussion the Council informed Mr. Farmer they preferred a shorter document and instructed staff to provide a draft and ask City Attorney Rex Baker to review. This will be on the September agenda for further discussion and possible consideration.
9. Adjournment: Councilman Rantzow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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